Ottawa National Forest Travel Management History

2005

The USFS adopts the "Travel Management Rule" (36 CFR Part 212) nationwide. The Rule includes three parts:

- · Subpart A: Administration of the Forest Transportation System
- · Subpart B: Designation of Roads, Trails, and Areas for Motor Vehicle Use
- · Subpart C: Use by Over-Snow Vehicles (new draft released 2014)

2006

The new 2006 Ottawa Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) implemented Subpart B of the Travel Management Rule by:

- prohibiting cross-country use of OHVs
- providing guidance for designating a system for roads and motorized trails

2007

Following public outreach and meetings, Ottawa NF publishes its first Motor Vehicle Use Map, completing Subpart B of the Travel Management Rule.

Miles of high clearance NFS Road open to OHVs or All Vehicles

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
2418	2431	2414	2375	2377	2377	2361	2358

65% of FS lands within the Forest boundary are within ¼ mile of some kind of motorized road or trail.

Motor Vehicle Use Map Ottawa National Forest South America's Great Outdoors

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2013

To help visitors understand travel management regulations, the Forest Service staff put stickers on National Forest road signs throughout the Ottawa. The stickers did not themselves change these designations, but instead show what was open or closed already.

2014

Subpart A analysis begins.







Forest Service Travel Analysis Process: